LTTE's Role in Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi

*240. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that late Sivarasan, who apparantly played a vital role in Shri Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, was acting under the direction from Sri Lankan Headquarters of LTTE;

(b) whether it is a fact that LTTE possessed foreign made arms; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any linkage of foreign intelligence agencies with LTTE or Sivarasan?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) These matters are still under investigation and revealing of details at this stage may not be in the interest of the case, LTTE cadres are, however, known to be in possession of foreign made arms including AK-47 rifles?

Proposal to Ban Conduct of Unauthorised Lotteries

@1293. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under their consideration any proposal to ban unauthorised Lotteries conducted by private organisations;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Item 34 of the State List in the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution of India is "Betting and Gambling" and this covers private lotteries. It is for the State Governments to consider whether to grant permission for conducting of private lotteries in their states. However, private lotteries in the Union Territories have been banned since 1985.

Productivity Linked Bonus to P and T Employees

@@1294. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal (Principal Bench), Delhi have in a judgement delivered on 11th June, 1991 directed that the P and T employees shall also be entitled to the productivity linked bonus/ex-gratia as long as their emoluments do not exceed Rs. 3500/- i.e. at par with Railwaymen in whose case the eligibility limit was raised to Rs. 3500/- in 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CAT have also ruled that the refusal of Government to enhance ceiling from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 3500/- in the case of P&T employees was against the basic structure of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to implement the judgement of the CAT expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The judgement is common to both the Department of Telecommunications and Department of Posts. Both the Departments have decided to file Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court against the judgement of the Tribunal.

Nexus between Militants and Officials in Jammu and Kashmir

1295. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

@Previously Unstarred Question 366 transferred from 3-9-91.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 641 transferred from 5-9-91.

(a) the number of cases of nexus between the militants and officials of Jammu and Kashmir Administration detected during 1990 and 1991 till date; and

(b) the action taken against the concerned officers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The details are awaited from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Expansion of U.P. Link Road

1296. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration is considering a proposal to expand the U.P. Link Road (Noida Road) from four lanes to six lanes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be sanctioned and target date of completion of work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Constitutionally, this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. All other roads/bridges are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories concerned. The road in question is a State road and Delhi Administration is the executing agency. According to information received from them, it is proposed to widen the road from its junction with National Highway 24 bypass to Chilla regulator (3.83 Km) and to strengthen the existing road.

(c) Since the proposal is still under consideration, it is too early to give the target date for completion of the work.

Vishakhapatnam Shipyard

1297. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Union of Visakhapatnam Shipyard led by CITU leaders and Members of Parliament met the Minister on 24th July, 1991 in connection with approval for the Memorandum of Understanding arrived between Shipyard Management and the Unions, if so, whether the Minister has assured them to look into the matter;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the Memorandum of Understanding for its implementation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation of Union of Visakhapatnam Shipyard led by CITU leaders and Members of Parliament met the Minister on 24th July, 1991 in connection with approval for the Memorandum of Understanding arrived at between Shipyard Management and the Unions. The Minister heard their problems.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) H.S.L: is passing through a phase of acute financial crisis. The accumulated losses upto 31-3-91 are about Rs 350.00 crores. The Yard has been unable even to meet its obligation with regard to payment of existing salaries to its employees and it has had to be bailed out by providing budgetary support.

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1298. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question